

NOTE ON THE *ERATO GUTTULA* OF SOWERBY AND ON
MARGINELLA SCHEPMANI, N.N. FOR *M. ABYSSICOLA*,
SCHEPMAN.

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I. *ERATO GUTTULA*, Sowerby.

SOWERBY'S *Erato guttula*¹ was correctly referred to the genus *Marginella* by Weinkauff,² but he is wrong in suggesting its identity with *M. osteri*, Jouss., or *M. serrata*, Gask. Smith³ correctly unites it with *M. triplicata*, Gask. Sowerby's figure is all but unmistakable, and quite lately I found an interesting confirmation of Smith's verdict on an old tablet from Dr. Gray's collection in one of the British Museum drawers, marked "*Marginella guttula*, Sowerby, Isle of France", and bearing examples of the shell we generally know as *M. triplicata*, Gask. For the future the species must be called *M. guttula*, Sow., since this name is twelve years earlier than Gaskoin's.

This change invalidates *M. guttula*, Reeve (1865), which I regard as a perfectly distinct species, and not a variety of *M. arena*, Kiener, as indicated by Tryon and others. I propose, therefore, to rename it *M. pericalles*. Very beautiful living specimens of it were collected in Bermuda by Colonel Peile.

II. *MARGINELLA ABYSSICOLA*, Schepman.

This species is described in the *Prosobranchia of the Siboga Expedition*, pt. iv, p. 260, pl. xviii, fig. 8 (September, 1911), from a single example dredged in the Banda Sea. Locard,⁴ however, described a *Gibberula abyssicola* in 1897 from the Travailleur and Talisman Expedition, and since *Gibberula* is, in my opinion, a division of very slight importance, and certainly not of generic value, I propose to call the Siboga shell *Marginella schepmani*, after the painstaking author of the monograph.

¹ Conch. Illust., Cypræadæ, p. 16, pl. vii, fig. 50.

² Conch. Cab., p. 156.

³ Proc. Malac. Soc., vol. ix, p. 21.

⁴ Exp. Sci. du Travailleur et du Talisman, vol. i, p. 130, pl. iv, figs. 22-5.